

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5394

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As of February 11, 2009

**Title:** An act relating to a state route number 2 route development plan.

**Brief Description:** Requiring a state route number 2 route development plan.

**Sponsors:** Senators Berkey, Hobbs, Haugen, Stevens, Shin and McAuliffe.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 2/11/09.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Staff:** Amanda Cecil (786-7429)

**Background:** SR 2 serves as a critical east-west connection for the commuter and freight traffic between Snohomish County and the Everett/Seattle metropolitan area and I-5.

**Summary of Bill:** Four hundred thousand dollars is provided for the Washington State Department of Transportation to conduct an SR 2 development plan that will identify essential improvements needed between the Port of Everett and the SR 9 interchange near the city of Snohomish.

**Appropriation:** \$400,000 from the Multimodal Account to support the study.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: The U.S. 2 trestle between Snohomish and Everett is becoming increasingly dangerous and congested. The temporary fixes are a "Band-Aid" to keep the highway functional, but a long-term cure will come from the trestle's replacement and other work as identified in the route development plan.

The total cost of the route development plan is \$800,000. Snohomish County and Everett are each committing \$200,000 to this project.

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**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Fred Walser, U.S. 2 Safety Coalition; Will Hall, Snohomish County; Ryan Sass, City of Everett; Kevin Weed, Snohomish County Committee for Improved Transportation; Patrick Pierce, Everett Area Chamber of Commerce.